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This is the closest the CIA has ever come to endorsing a work of fiction, and falls just short of the full enthusiasm J. Edgar Hoover gave to the long-running FBI series. Sources say the CIA hopes this series will bolster its credibility, which was severely tarnished after the Vietnam War and the Agency's intervention in the internal affairs of Chile.